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Strange and Wonderful News from

BERKSHIRE,

Being a True RELATION of a

Monstrous Colt

Which was foaled near Reading, June 8. 1692.

15. Jun^r. 1692.

AS we may find in Books several Relations of monstrous and prodigious Births ; so we may observe that the most Judicious have not thought it beneath them to give the World an Account, and to transmit to Posterity any thing extraordinary of that Nature, that has chanced in their Time. And as there was a monstrous Calf brought forth March the 2d. 1691. in *Somersetshire*, with a high Excreescency on the Head, very much resembling the Dress that our Ladies and Gentlewomen wear, so having received an Account of a Colt lately foaled at *Reading* in the County of *Berks*, whose Head had likewise the same Resemblance ; and having it in a Letter from a Considerable Inhabitant of that Place, I will give the Reader an Account in the very Words of the Letter, which follows *verbatim*.

Reading, June 9th. 1692.

THis is to acquaint you of a monstrous Colt that was fallen Yesterday morning (being the 8th. of this instant) of one Mr. Wattlenton's, all our Town I think went to see it, it is in a Shape in the Head of the Dressing of Womens Heads as they now wear them, the Eyes stand back, nearer in his Poll than others do ; and as other Colts Heads goes downward this is as it were streight, which makes the Tower appear the more : It is about Eight Inches long from the Head ; it is dead, else I believe they might have made 500 l. of it, for it is an Admiration to Persons of Discretion.

This is not Published any way to Reflect on the worthy Gentleman or his Wife who own'd the Colt, who are Persons of very good Repute, having a very good Character amongst all that know them ; nor shall I animadvert upon the Fashion, or make any Enquiries what Causes Naturalists may assign for such strange Productions ; But having related bare matter of Fact (the Truth of which I am very well assured of) I leave all my Readers to make what Judgment themselves think best on the Occasion.

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